

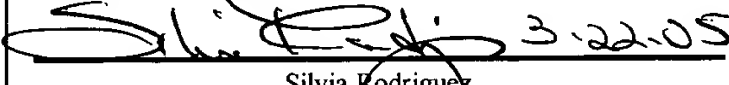
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Freedman
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Art Unit: 2154
Examiner: Joshua Joo
For: **AUTOMATED CONTROL OF OUTBOUND TRANSIT
LINKS IN A MULTI-HOMED BGP ROUTING
ENVIRONMENT**

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in Response to the First Office Action mailed September 22, 2005. A three (3) month extension of time is submitted with this paper to extend the deadline for response through March 22, 2005.

REMARKS

The pending rejections are respectfully traversed. Each pending rejection is premised in whole or in part on Ginzboorg, U.S. Patent No. 6,141,410. This reference, however, does not describe the subject matter of any pending claim within its four corners (which is required of any § 102 rejection), and it is arguably non-analogous art that cannot and does not support an obvious rejection (within the meaning of § 103). In relying upon Ginzboorg, the Examiner neither appreciates the nature of the present invention nor the scope of the submitted claims. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested, for the reasons set forth below.